Ben [redacted] 4

Dear Santa,

We are from Waveland and our home was at:

[redacted] St. Joseph St. Waveland, MS

We are now living at: (in a 1982 motor home)

Address: [redacted] St. Joseph St.

City Waveland State MS Zipcode 39576

Phone No. [redacted]

Our family consists of:

Ben (49), Linda (47), Casey (girl) (17) (Senior), Sara (16) (Sophmore)

Our Katrina experience was: We evacuated to Hattiesburg, ms to stay in my husband's company's warehouse. We expected to come home in a or 3 days. We watched the metal doors blow off, the ceiling getting loose, shingles blow off buildings and trees blow down. We got back to Waveland to see if my sister and mother-in-law were still alive along with other friends & family that stayed. All survived but all our homes had major flooding but our homes were still standing. My children lived in Tampa FL with family for over 1 month while we stayed in a warehouse in Hattiesburg so my husband could work. I lost my job - my company blew away. We bought a 1982 motor home to live in and get our family back together. My husband and I have new jobs here on the Coast and my children are back in school. God is good, we have everything we need.

Write something special that you would like Santa to bring you or your family:

The only thing we thought we would like from Santa is maybe a hotel stay for a night or two somewhere/anywhere that is not devastated from Katrina. Tell Santa and his elves how much we love them and the happiness that they will bring to all the families in Hancock County.

Please use back or another sheet of paper, if you want to write more. We want to hear your story.

Return by November 30th to:

Mayor's Office, City of Waveland, P. O. Box 539, Waveland, MS 39576

If Santa can't get to our wish please don't worry about it, we know there are soo many people to help and we are happy, alive and looking forward to rebuilding.

What we have learned from "Katrina" is family & friends are the most important. We need shelter but we didn't need all the stuff we had and stuff can be replaced. Appreciate and spend time with friends & family and show love to others.